

Georgia Quality Asphalt Pavement Conference
Macon, Georgia Department of Transportation
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CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM RESULTS

NOTE: 49 Responses

1. Overall Evaluation of Conference.

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Answer
18	26	1	-	4
37%	53%	1%	-	8%

2. Did the Conference meet your expectations?

Yes	No	No Answer	Yes & No
47	-	1	1
96%	-	2%	2%

3. Registration Process:

Was the registration process what you anticipated?

Yes	No	No Answer
47	1	1
96%	2%	2%

Comments:

- I probably would take only (1) on hour to register.
- Allow payment by credit card.
- Registration was easy.
- Went easy.
- Good job improving registration over last year.
- Joe Street needs a mini-skirt
- Very efficient

4. Did the technical presentations provide the information you anticipated?

Yes	No	No Answer	Yes & No
41	3	3	2
84%	6%	6%	4%

If you did not get what you needed, how would you improve the presentation?

- Need more interaction with audience. More foremen, superintendents, and equipment operators to be in attendance and presentation and to be at this level.
- Excellent topics and presentations.
- Choosing the proper mixes is not the issue. How to compact the mix given is more important to the contractor. The contractor does not pick his mix or depth-the contract or proposal does.
- Mr. Skinner's presentation was very informative. Too much time was devoted to compaction.
- Dr. Wu did an excellent job this year.
- Some presentations were too technical too many formulas and chemistry.
- Need to address Georgia concerns and procedures and less issues around nation.
- Material was very similar to last year.
- More information on testing requirements, procedures and equipment.
- Some of the presentations/presenters need a little more practice.
- Need larger video projector screens. Difficult to see from back of room.
- More talking and preaching than I like.
- Presentations excellent. Note for future – Do not allow annual presentations become repetitive.

5. Did the field demonstration provide the information you anticipated?

Yes	No	No Answer	Some	Yes & No
32	4	11	1	1
66%	8%	22%	2%	2%

If you did not get what you needed, how would you improve the field demonstration:

- Poor conditions of area to be paved did not allow equipment to be demonstrated to ability.
- Some follow up communicating on actual use, theoretical from day before.

- The idea was GREAT! The conditions were poor-it was more of “How not to” than a “How to”.
- Briefing audience in advance would have been helpful.
- First demonstration was slow to begin, hard to hear and disorganized.
- Very disappointed at the poor paving principles displayed. Get Roadtec or somebody to loan them some new equipment to use. Wanted to see the vib pre. roller in use on new mix which they unable to do.
- Very good
- Need more demonstration of the equipment.
- Great idea, Thanks GHCA for providing.
- Hoping to see the new rubber tire roller vibrate on fresh asphalt.
- Ensure base is fixed prior to paving demo
- It was good to show what not to do.

6. Were the technical presentations suitable for your background and experience?

Yes	No	No Answer
45	1	3
92%	2%	6%

Comments:

- Need more involvement from contractors and suppliers.
- For me – no- others possible. I would like more practical paving problems – not so much “theory” – Every day paving problems – not all the mix design problems – You can have the best mix design in the world but if you can’t lay it or compact it – what good is it?
- The Asphalt Institute was a little over our heads but not bad.
- Some presentations were too technical too many formulas and chemistry.
- Some presenters were over the heads of many participants.
- Good speaker, great topics.
- Need to post new spec changes and give (show) web address.
- On plant sampling slide, should have gloves, hard hat, and safety glasses on.
- Presented to reach all levels of industry.

7. What topics did you find:

Most Useful?

- Supplemental spec changes
- Smoothness
- Mr. Skinner – “Good Refresher”
- Presentation on new specifications
- All
- QAQC
- Future specifications. Tom Skinner’s presentation
- All
- New specifications
- Ride
- New technology (equipment and design)
- New Compaction Technology
- New equipment
- Compaction
- Field demos
- Paving procedures
- New procedures, specs, special provisions
- Compaction
- Chuck/Tom’s presentation
- Compaction
- Segregation and Compaction presentation
- Compaction
- Update on GDOT specifications
- Tom Skinner
- GDOT specification by Peter Wu
- The mechanistic design topic
- New specs, roller technology
- Equipment operation and achieving max compaction effect with compaction equipment
- Field demo/segregation
- Compaction and Smoothness
- Peter Wu’s GDOT specification
- Tom Skinner’s smoothness
- GDOT spec – future direction & HMATQP Presentation
- Dr. Wu – future mix designs

Least Useful?

- Plant specification
- Asphalt Institute
- Last 45 minutes on compaction
- All topics covered are fine and relevant to the industry
- None
- The “sales pitch” on the new paving equipment.
- QCQA cert program
- Ronald Collins’ sales pitch
- Gary’s {Fitts} wasn’t as useful
- Ronald Collins
- Poorly organized compaction equipment presentation
- Plant- the formulas are not helpful – too boring.
- Compaction, smoothness, and segregation
- Plan operation
- Asphalt (why A/C, lime, gradation)

8. Suggestions on future Technical Presentations:

- Correcting ride quality problems
- Solution on Problem Solving – on mixes where compaction is a problem.
- Setting Roller Patter
- Topics: plant operation, lime and fiber feeders, aggregates, RAP
- Format: Round table discussions in small groups may be useful for airing common problems and getting feedback
- Explain how you’ve determined the new specifications. What research led to the conclusion. What are GDOTs expectations for the future.
- More concerning plants and new technology with plant. More info on aggregate production, lime production, fiber, flyash, etc.
- Have FHWA cover QAQC
- SMA
- More field demos
- Continue to address construction/constructability issues
- Safety in work zones
- Research
- More toward Georgia procedures
- Include DOT construction area engineers for presentations.
- Plant operations

- More breaks/don't have to be but \pm 15 minutes.
- Make every effort to have an interacting presentation (entertaining) put on by an interesting person.
- More hands on classes.

9. Meeting facilities. Rate the following:

Conference Room

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Answer
21	24	2	-	2
43%	49%	4%	-	4%

Hotel

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Answer
8	27	4	-	10
16%	55%	8%	-	20%

Food

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Answer
10	22	14	-	3
20%	45%	28%	-	6%

Location

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Answer
18	25	3	-	3
37%	51%	6%	-	6%

Comments:

- Lunch was ok but would have preferred something different that was offered at dinner.
- Need larger screen for room.
- Hotel room didn't have hot water one morning.
- Let's keep the cost down. Macon is more suitable than Peachtree City.
- Include more "hands on material" on presentation material.
- No problems
- Very good.

10. General Comments:

- Quality is a good topic. However, we must consider the safety of our personnel. It would be great to have a presentation on safety devices that are available to the paving industry.
- Good conference – a credit and benefit to the industry. Suggest more exhibits would be beneficial.
- I feel this was more directed at the DOT and not the contractor – It needs to be directed more toward problems the DOT and contractor face on the Road and not in the Lab Office – but not to exclude the lab field techs.
- Overall a nice experience. I enjoyed the conference much more this year but I was disappointed with demonstration Friday.
- Consider inviting Construction Inspection Personnel. A lot of this info would benefit them a great deal.
- Much better than last year.
- Ya'll need better groceries!!
- Provide notebook with handouts included to provide space or printed slide as a place for taking notes (like the concrete seminars)!
- Very informative
- Overall well planned

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- Savannah would be an ideal location next year. Also food was not as good as last year.
- Thanks for taking the time to arrange this for the industry – What about Savannah
- Excellent conference
- Have Mr. Skinner give a running critique during the paving demo!
- Ensure base is fixed prior to paving demo on day 2. In place stability on Day 1?
- Try to get more hands on if you can. Every was great!
- When giving NAPA presentations needed to take pictures for posting on website, etc.
- Excellent program. Anytime DOT and industry come together and share information its another step toward improving quality.
- Excellent conference. Good information. Good industry representation at all levels. Emphasized quality throughout.
- Good meeting
- Do not have the same people with the same presentation every year. Deahl & Skinner.